conducted under the stewardship of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The field work was completed in August 2006. Provisional fact sheets on certain key indicators pertaining to maternal and child health, marriage and family planning, nutrition, anaemia and knowledge of HIV/ AIDS have been brought out for all the 29 States as well as for All - India. The fact sheets have been widely disseminated. Compilation of various indicators is currently under process. The national report of the National Family Health Survey (2005-06) is planned to be brought out in August-September, 2007.

Foeticides in the country

†2060. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government as well as State Governments have made any assessment of foeticides during last two decades in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry has asked the State Governments to take effective steps to check foeticides; and

(d) the details thereof and the reaction on the part of States in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) Sex ratio in India has declined over the century from 972 in 1901 to 927 in 1991. The sex ratio has since gone up to 933 in 2001. In contrast the child sex ratio for the age group of 0-6 years in 2001 is 927 girls per thousand boys against 945 recorded in 1991 Census.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. Regular monitoring of Quarterly Reports on implementation of Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Technique (PC&PNDT) Act is done. The State are reminded to conduct four-monthly meetings of State Supervisory Board (SSB) and two-monthly meetings of State Advisory Committee. District Appropriate Authorities are requested to conduct surprise checks of the ultrasound clinics in the district. The

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

States have been released funds for implementation of the Act and related activities under Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH-II) as requested by them in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). National Support and Monitoring Cell (NSMC) has been set up to network with the Appropriate Authorities, initially in the vulnerable States of Punjab, Haryana, Gujarat, Delhi and Chandigarh for strict implementation of the Act and follow up of the court cases.

Utilization of AIIMS fund

2061. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact a large amount of AIIMS funds are being utilized for litigation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that very little amount of funds are being utilized for research activities and academic activities of the institution; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefore alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (d) The details are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

NRHM through Panchayats

2062. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made of the role of panchayati raj institutions in implementing the NRHM;

(b) whether it is a fact that the PRIs are facing constraints in respect of finances and expert health workers in implementing the NRHM;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to overcome such constraints;